

**Public Safety Advisory Committee
City of Greenbelt
January 14, 2020**

ROLL CALL:

- Committee Members Present: Dr. Laura Kressler, Stan Zirkin, Eunice Pierre, and Cindy Comproni.
- City Liaisons Present: Captain Sagan.
- Guests: None

Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m.

Agenda approved with date corrected to Jan 14th, 2020.

Minutes from October 4, 2019 meeting approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS –

Greenbelt East Violent Crime Increase – Ms. Pierre gave a summary of the violent crime increases that have occurred in Greenbelt East since last Fall including shootings along Hanover Parkway in the Greenbriar area and a sexual assault near Hunting Ridge at a MetroBus stop. She feels that there is a palpable change to how the area feels lately regarding safety. She would be interested in PSAC and/or the GPD sponsoring a self-defense / safety course. Capt. Sagan will contact George Mathews about setting up a self-defense course.

According to Capt. Sagan there have been 8-9 shootings in the Greenbriar area since Fall 2019. No people have been injured and all shootings have occurred after school hours have ended. The shootings seem to be connected to Eleanor Roosevelt High School however, no shootings have occurred on school property. There is now a stationary camera pointed at the area of the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway and the GPD are doing saturation and high visibility patrols. The GPD have also increased truancy pickups. The most recent shooting incident was at 7720 Hanover Parkway near the Spellman Overpass.

Ms. Comproni recommended that PSAC consider drafting a letter to the Council with recommendations for ways to improve safety in the areas where the shooting and the sexual assault have occurred.

Dr. Kressler recommended that the committee consider reviewing the PSAC recommendations regarding security cameras within the city as a whole particularly in the Greenbelt East sector. She asked Capt. Sagan if it would be possible to get a new summary from the GPD (like the report done previously by Sgt. Lee) indicating where the major areas of concern are in the city and where the GPD would like to see additional cameras. Capt. Sagan was not familiar with Sgt. Lee's report and Ms. Kressler stated we would get him a copy. Dr. Kressler also stated we would probably need a printout from the CAD system detailing the violent crime since Jan 1, 2019.

PSAC Member Absenteeism – Ms. Comproni brought up the topic of excessive committee member absenteeism during the past year or so. She asked if we could address this issue. The committee agreed to address this issue after we get a summary detailing excused and unexcused absences over the last year. Dr. Kressler will ask Ms. Johnson for this information and will then approach each committee member who has had excessive absences to discuss their absences and look for a solution.

Planning for Greenbelt Station Forum – Tabled since Greenbelt Station just had their own community meeting and it was primarily about parking, package theft and building a new recreation center. Safety was not currently a topic of concern.

Stop the Bleed Event Planning – Ms. Brindisi Chan, System Logistician from the Maryland Emergency Response System has arranged for the City to have a long term loan of the trauma training kits for the STB training if we can get a letter from the GPD (Greenbelt Police Dept) requesting a long term loan of the equipment.

PSAC FY 2021 Budget Planning – Dr. Kressler reminded the committee that it is almost time for the budget work sessions to start for FY 2021. PSAC will need to decide what we will need funds for in the upcoming year, so that we can present our budget request to Council. Several members requested that we have new polo shirts made for the committee since most members' shirts are many years old and starting to look rather worn. There seemed to be interest generally in going back to the green shirt instead of the white shirts. The committee will also need to decide what we would like to purchase for giveaways at Labor Day and other events.

Next Meeting – February 4, 2020 at 7 pm in the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.